

# Happy New Year!

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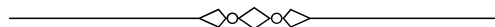
January is a time when one can look forward to new prospects, while also looking back upon the things that were. In fact, the name for the month of January itself comes from the Roman god Janus--the two-headed mythological being with the ability to look both forward and backward. When we look back at our 2018 here at Numismagram, we see our best year yet--expanding our offerings to monthly (even bimonthly in some instances) and tremendously increasing the number of customers with whom we have had the pleasure of conducting business. When we look forward to our 2019, we see even more expansion in terms of our offerings and hope to meet even more new customers as we introduce you to some great works of medallic art. Speaking of Janus, it's always fun to spot the janiform iconography wherever it may be.

Here are two examples which are a bit out of the ordinary...



The first is a beer from Surly Brewing, a Belgian Quad that, from my notes, was *"...a bit bready and figgy in the nose. Definite quad feels, with a bit more rounded body from the wheat and sharpness from the brett."* (Brett is a form of wild yeast). When I saw the bottle, I immediately needed to try it, since it was reminiscent of the logo which I created for Numismagram in 2014. I couldn't resist slapping one of my stickers onto the bottle!

The second is from a trip to 3 Floyds Brewing in Munster, Indiana a few years back. Outside their brewpub is a metal sculpture, once again bearing that familiar janiform face--though this time featuring two characters from their "storyline:" the Alpha King and his Calumet Queen. You'll be surprised at how many times you will spot this kind of imagery now, as it really does pop up everywhere.



This month also kicks off our New Year's Sale--in addition to the various country and thematic categories on the left side panel of our inventory, you'll also find a link for 'New Year's Sale.' These are items that feature a discount of either 12% or 25% off their original price, so we invite you to check them out at these new reduced prices.

One other thing with which we always associate January is the New York International Numismatic Convention (NYINC), held in Manhattan. This event, running over a week, is the largest gathering of dealers and collectors in the

US, focusing upon ancient and world coinage and with numerous headline auctions taking place. Though we will not be in attendance this year, we wish all of our colleagues the best of success, and, for any collectors in attendance, we hope that you find that elusive piece that you have been seeking. Despite the fact that we will not be there, we do have an item in stock this month that supplies a little of that NYINC feeling...



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Opened in January 1919, the Commodore was constructed as a part of *Terminal City*, a network of grand hotels and offices located near Grand Central Terminal in Manhattan. Though operating as an opulent lodging destination for the first half of her life, the 1970s were rough on the hotel, with severely negative earnings in 1976. The Trumps, both father Fred and son Donald, entered the picture, pulling political strings and invoking dubious means by which to obtain the property and convince Hyatt to partner with them. After her acquisition, the younger Trump commissioned a rebranding of the hotel, encasing her exterior in glass—a glitzy yet see-through façade which would define the Donald to this very day. Numismatically, the Commodore—now the Grand Hyatt New York—is the current home to the New York International Numismatic Convention (NYINC), having replaced the Waldorf-Astoria in 2018. This year's show in 2019 will be the landmark centennial of the hotel.

The Commodore piece, however, isn't the only large medal in this grouping, as we have been busy moving heaven and earth (well, maybe just earth) in order to bring you some quality works of art...





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In addition to these pieces above, you will find a small grouping of French award medals, an array of Zeppelin-related pieces, an exceedingly lustrous and brilliant Columbus medal for the 400th anniversary of the New World discovery, a tough-to-find medal of Paul Manship, a wood (yes, *wood*) medal from the US centennial, a few Brookgreen Gardens pieces, and a couple other highly attractive items.



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